

Walthamstow have a new look

WALTHAMSTOW Avenue promise a whole new look for Wycombe Wanderers tomorrow (Saturday) when the two teams meet at Green Pond Lane in the Rothmans Isthmian League.

Not only have Avenue a new manager and 10 new players this season, their somewhat infamous pitch has been re-seeded and is now surrounded by a cinder track. All in all, the playing surface is a great improve-

ment from last year when at times it almost resembled a golf course.

When Gordon Segley took over from Harlow, he dismissed the bulk of the original playing staff at Walthamstow and introduced many new players. The biggest name amongst them was Jimmy Pearce, the former Spurs forward. Others included Trevor

Backtin, Alan Hunter and Ray Carvell while 17-year-old Terry Sharpe was signed from West Ham.

It has taken Segley some time to get his players working to their full potential and he recently added to his squad by signing on Martin Smith, who played for Bishop's Stortford in their Amateur Cup winning

team. Smith was with Enfield last year.

Leading goalscorer this term is Alan Hunter, a coloured centre forward who joined with manager Segley from Harlow.

Avenue are currently fourth from the foot of the Division One table with only three victories but have played 10 of the matches away from home. Victories came at Dagenham (4-1), Clapton (3-0) and Leytonstone (2-1).

Wanderers will be hoping to have goalkeeper John Maskell back in the side after missing two games while Keith Mead, who had to be helped off the field with a leg injury on Tuesday, also hopes to be fit in time.

After Tuesday's 3-0 defeat at the hands of the Rest of the League XI, the Blues will have to raise their game considerably if they are to come away from Green Pond Lane with maximum points.